

generating a first cryptographic key pair, wherein said certificate request includes at least a first public key of the first cryptographic key pair; and

activating a first private key of the first cryptographic key pair.

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 have been cancelled. Claims 35 and 36 have been added.

Support for claims 35 and 36 is found in Fig. 5 and pages 17 and 18 of the specification.

Claims 35 and 36 correspond to claims 51 and 52 in the parent application Serial Number 09/133,706 in which a claims 51 and 52 were group IV of a 5-way restriction by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are now in a condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Malandra, Jr.

Reg. No. 31,038 Attorney of Record

Telephone (203) 924-3217

PITNEY BOWES INC. Intellectual Property and Technology Law Department 35 Waterview Drive P.O. Box 3000 Shelton, CT 06484-8000